Shortage of apparel/gear for surgeons in Government Hospitals

2313. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 50,000 apparels/gears are required for the surgeons who treat AIDS patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of Government Hospitals have no such gears;

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide such gears; and

(e) the funds allocated for treatment of AIDS and HIV positive cases and its utilization for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In order to protect from hospital infections, acquired from patients suffering from various communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS, surgeons require protective gears such as aprons, masks, protective glasses, gloves, long boots etc. Govt. has not received complaint regarding shortage of such items in Public sector hospitals.

(e) The funds allocated by the National AIDS Control Organisation to State AIDS Control Societies for treatment of HIV/AIDS cases and its utilization, is annexed as Statement.

Statement

Details of funds allocated for treatment of AIDS and HIV positive cases and its utilization

National AIDS Control Program-Phase II
Allocation & Utilisation of funds
Low Cost AIDS Care

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Utilisation
1999-2000	8.89	7.83
2000-2001	7.16	7.91
2001-2002	15.39	10.42
2002-2003	13.63	11.53
2003-2004	18.93	